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TRIPLE SHEET.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

—Gen. Hunter has issued an order from the headquarters of the Southern Department, declaring martial law in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. And he considers Slavery and martial law incompatible, he decrees Freedom to all the slaves—nearly a million—of those three States.

—We have a report from the Department of Gen. McClellan, dated Cumberland, Va., May 14, which, however, shows no change in the disposition of the forces under the Commanding General. The Quartermaster and Commissary stores are in abundance, and the advance guard of the National army, under Gen. Stoneman, remains at White House, within sight of the Rebels' position. Deserter's report that, between Richmond and the Chickahominy River, for a distance of seventeen miles, the Rebels are encamped in large force, where they are to await the arrival of Gen. McClellan's army. From explosions heard at Cumberland, it is supposed the Rebels have blown up some railway bridges.

—A dispatch to *The Chicago Times*, dated Cairo, says that on Monday last two regiments from Kentucky and Tennessee attempted to desert their cause and come over en masse to the Union army. The Rebels held them in check and a matinee ensued. A strong force from our advanced lines was sent over to interfere, and in a short time returned with about sixty prisoners, mostly from the ranks of the deserting regiments. They give a detailed account of affairs in Beauregard's army.

—We publish, this morning, the accounts given by our special correspondent, of the general engagement between the National fleet and the Rebel gunboats, at Fort Pillow, on Saturday morning last. The engagement, it will be seen, was of a desperate character, and while a severe chastisement was inflicted on the Rebels, our vessels did not escape uninjured.

—Col. Wm. Dwight, jr., of the First Excelsior Regiment, who was supposed to have been killed, arrived at Washington yesterday. He was severely wounded, and left for dead on the battlefield at Williamsburg. The regiment lost two field officers, and twenty company officers, and nearly half its rank and file.

—The news received at the War Department yesterday, according to a Washington dispatch, indicates that in the Departments of Gen. Halleck and McClellan no movement or engagement of any consequence had taken place.

GENERAL NEWS.

—Ratzky, the alleged murderer of Fellner, was brought to this city from St. Louis last evening. His statement is very long and incoherent, but elicits nothing in addition to the particulars published in *THE TRIBUNE* of the 7th inst. It is probable, however, that other arrests will be made of parties implicated with Ratzky and Mrs. Marks, in the robbery of Fellner's effects subsequent to the murder. He will be taken to Monmouth County, New-Jersey to-day.

—A dispatch from Fredericksburg says that a large iron foundry which, until the arrival of the National army at that place, was used in casting shot and shell, and in rifling cannon for the Rebels, was on Wednesday taken possession of by an officer of Gen. McDowell's staff. Yankee mechanics were immediately set to work in the National service, and are producing the best specimens of workmanship.

—The United States steam transport *Catawba* arrived here yesterday morning from Port Royal. She has 6,982 bags of unginned cotton on board consigned to the Collector of the Port. Her news is unimportant, nothing of moment having transpired since our last advices.

—The Secretary of War orders that all applications for passes to visit Forts Monroe, Norfolk, Yorktown, or other places on the waters of the Chesapeake, be hereafter made to Major-Gen. John A. Dix of Baltimore.

—The subject of further relieving soldiers' families at the expense of the city was under consideration in the Common Council last evening. After some discussion, for which see the report, the subject was referred to a Committee.

—Refugees from Richmond state that at a meeting there, on Saturday night last, the property-holders and most substantial men of the city favored a surrender, while those who had no interests there were rampant for burning it.

—The President has recommended to Congress that a vote of thanks should be passed to Capt. Farragut and 39 other officers, by name, for their services in the capture of Fort Jackson and St. Philip and the City of New-Orleans.

—Recorder Hoffman yesterday filed his decision in reference to the Concert Saloon law, affirming its constitutionality and counseling obedience to its provisions.

—The Tax bill is to be taken up in the Senate to-day. Some of the amendments to be proposed will be found reported in our Washington dispatch.

—The House yesterday passed the Senate bill authorizing the appointment of Medical Storekeepers for the army, and Chaplains for the hospitals.

—Mr. Elijah Ward, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill establishing a coinage department in the United States Assay Office, New-York.

—It is said the people of New-Orleans now regret that they did not prevent the destruction of property by their Generals on the approach of the Union fleet.

STATE OF THE MARKETS.

The Stock market opened yesterday with a good demand for Government and State Stocks at 1 per cent concession on the 6s of 1861. Treasury Notes were firm at 105. The closing quotations were: U. 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